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INTERNATIONAL-TYPE SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 15.5)

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National application No. 9801288-3	Country or Office of filing SE	Applicant's or agent's file reference H 1939-1 SE
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Applicant Astra Aktiebolag		

Date of request for international-type search 14 April 1998	International-type search request No. SE 98/00342
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This international-type search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant.

This international-type search report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
2. ☒ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international-type search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international-type search report has not been established in respect of certain claims for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims No.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims No.:
because they relate to parts of the national application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international-type search can be carried out, specifically:

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this application, as follows:

see next sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international-type search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international-type search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims No.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international-type search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims No.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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The following two inventions have been found:

Claims 1-37: A method of producing polymer particles with incorporated antigens - which have been made water soluble with the aid of e.g. a detergent - in which an aqueous phase (W) with the solubilised antigens and a stabilising additive is mixed with an "organic phase" (O) containing a matrix-forming polymer producing a W/O emulsion. Forming droplets of the W/O emulsion in a "fluid medium" in the presence of said solubilising component (e.g. detergent) such that the solvent used in the O phase can be driven off, thereby producing polymer particles incorporating said protein antigens.

Claims 38-52: Production of a "polymer particle vaccine delivery system" in which water insoluble protein antigens are incorporated in a polymer matrix, particularly *Helicobacter pylori* antigens.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC6: A61K 39/39, A61K 9/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC6: A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 9511009 A1 (GENENTECH, INC.), 27 April 1995 (27.04.95), see page 3, lines 19-23, page 4-5 and page 7, lines 13-18 --	1-37
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